

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD APRIL 4, 2023**

A special council meeting of the Hopewell City Council was convened on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

**PRESENT:** John B. Partin, Jr., Mayor, Ward 3  
Jasmine E. Gore, Vice Mayor, Ward 4  
Rita Joyner, Councilor, Ward 1  
Michael Harris, Councilor, Ward 2  
Janice B. Denton, Councilor, Ward 5  
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor, Ward 6  
Dominic Holloway, Councilor, Ward 7

Dr. Concetta Manker, Interim City Manager  
Danielle Smith, City Attorney  
Alyson Reyna, City Clerk Pro Tem

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Partin opened the meeting. Roll call was taken, as follows:

Mayor Partin	-	present
Councilor Joyner	-	present
Councilor Harris	-	present
Councilor Denton	-	present
Councilor Pelham	-	present

**Quorum established.**

Councilor Joyner moved to allow Councilor Pelham to participate telephonically. The motion was seconded by Councilor Harris. Mayor Partin asked Councilor Pelham to state her location and reason for electronic participation. Councilor Pelham stated she was participating from her home in Ward 6, and cited medical reasons.

**Roll call:** Councilor Joyner - yes  
Councilor Harris - yes  
Mayor Partin - yes  
Councilor Denton - yes

**Motion passed: 4-0**

Councilor Denton moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to Va. Code Section § 2.2-3711 (A)(1) to discuss and consider interviews of prospective candidates for the City Clerk; and to the extent of such discussion will be aided thereby, (A)(4) for the protection of the privacy of individuals personal matters not related to public business. The motion was seconded by Councilor Harris.

**Roll call:** Councilor Joyner - yes  
Councilor Harris - yes  
Mayor Partin - yes

Councilor Denton - yes  
Councilor Pelham - yes

**Motion passed: 5-0**

At 6:05 PM, Councilor Holloway joined Council Closed Session.

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

Councilor Pelham motioned for Council to come out of Closed Session, seconded by Councilor Holloway.

**Roll call:** Councilor Joyner - yes  
Councilor Harris - yes  
Mayor Partin - yes  
Councilor Denton - yes  
Councilor Pelham - yes  
Councilor Holloway - yes

**Motion passed: 6-0**

**CERTIFICATION**

Certification pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3712 (D): Were only public business matters (1) lawfully exempted from open-meeting requirements and (2) identified in the closed-meeting motion discussed in closed meeting?

**Roll call:** Mayor Partin - yes  
Councilor Joyner - yes  
Councilor Harris - yes  
Councilor Denton - yes  
Councilor Pelham - yes  
Councilor Holloway - yes

**Motion passed: 6-0**

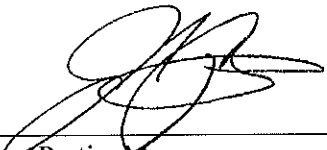
**ADJOURN**

Councilor Denton motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Joyner.

**Aye – 6**

**No – 0**

The meeting was adjourned.

  
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Johnny Partin, Mayor

  
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Alyson Reyna, City Clerk Pro Tem